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1. ON 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF REGAINING OF AFGHANISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE MAY 27, PRESIDENT DAOUD BROADCAST SHORT PATRIOTIC SPEECH ENDING WITH STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR "PASHTUN AND BALUCHI BROTHERS STRUGGLING TO GAIN THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS".

2. NEWSPAPERS RAN HISTORICAL ARTICLES ON THIRD ANGLO-AFGHAN WAR WHICH FEATURED PHOTOS OF PAST AND PRESENT HEROES ("FREEDOM FIGHTERS"), AMONG THEM SHAH WALI KHAN. MEDIA ANNOUNCED THAT LETTERS OF CONGRATUALTIONS FROM HEADS OF STATE HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITHOUT SINGLING OUT ANY COUNTRY'S FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION. PAKISTAN NAP LEADER WALI KHAN MANAGED ARRIVE HERAT BY CAR FROM IRAN ON INDEPENDENCE DAY. (SEPTTEL REPORTS ON HIS CONTINUING VISIT).

3. COMMENT: DAOUD'S REMARKS ON PASHTUNISTAN WERE NOT AS STRONG AS ON FLAG RAISING DAY MAY 9. THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF SHAH WALI KHAN SINCE COUP AND EVEN MORE NOTEWORTHY AS HIS SON, ABDUL WALI, STILL UNDER DETENTION. RESURRECTION FROM NON-PERSON STATUS MAY INDICATE REGIME'S RELAXATION OF EXTREME SENSITIVITY TO SUPPOSED INTERNAL THREATS.

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